

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No.: MBHB 01-1735-B (400.140))**

<b>In re the Application of:</b>	)	
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<b>Lockridge <i>et al.</i></b>	)	
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<b>Serial No.: 10/726,236</b>	)	<b>Group Art Unit: 1635</b>
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<b>Filed: December 2, 2003</b>	)	<b>Examiner: Gibbs, Terra C</b>
	)	
<b>For: Nucleic Acid-Based Modulation of Gene</b>	)	<b>Confirmation No. 4026</b>
<b>Expression in the Vascular Endothelial</b>	)	
<b>Growth Factor Pathway</b>	)	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 11, 2006**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following response to the Office Action mailed on December 11, 2006. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time and fee are included herewith. Accordingly a response is timely filed on or before June 11, 2007. Applicant also files herewith an RCE with appropriate fee. No additional fees are thought to be presently due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**Listing of the claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.